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NASA to exhibit moon rocks at EXPOTELEINFO 2006

The U.S. Department of Commerce and Romazur SRL are organizing the exhibit of a moon rock sample in Bolivia, which is sponsored by cellular telephone company Nuevatel (VIVA) and Aerosur airlines. The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will exhibit several authentic moon rocks, as well as samples of the food that astronauts eat in space, at the technological fair EXPOTELEINFO 2006, organized by Romazur, at the Convention Center of Hotel Los Tajibos in Santa Cruz, from August 14th to 18th. Peter Bethke an engineer at the NASA's Johnson Space Center will be available to answer questions on space trips and will present an exhibit entitled "Vision for Space Exploration" which includes information on the International Space Station, spaceships and products developed as a result of space exploration technology.

The exhibit will also be presented in La Paz, on August 22nd and 23rd, at the Saint Andrew's School Coliseum, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The exhibit will feature the development of a re-usable space system that will enable a new mission to the Moon in 2020 and also one to Mars.

The moon rock sample was taken by astronaut Dave Scott while exploring terrain near the Lunar Module during the Apollo 15 Mission. This stone, to be exhibited by the NASA at EXPOTELEINFO 2006, weighs approximately 93 grams and is a fragment of the original stone called Breccia, which weighed approximately 5 kilograms when it was brought to Earth. The *Breccias*, on the moon's high grounds, at about 3,900,000,000 years of age, are older than 99.99% of all Earth's rocks.

The scientists are researching on the remaining samples of moon rock samples brought to the Earth during the Apollo Program at the NASA's Space Center and other centers in the United States and abroad, under a continuing research program.